



## **Captain James C. Cox**

### **Commanding Officer United States Navy**

CAPT Cox is a native of New York. He was commissioned into the Navy through Aviation Officer Candidate School in April 1979. CAPT Cox completed primary flight training and designated a Naval Aviator in September 1980 after completing helicopter training. His first fleet assignment was flying the SH-3G helicopter. Serving in HC-1 from June 1981 to March 1984, CAPT Cox served as the Avionics Division Officer, Aircraft Division Officer and Quality Assurance Officer and was deployed aboard the USS Coral Sea.

In March 1984, he returned to HT-18, NAS Whiting Field as a flight instructor, flying the TH-57C. He worked as the Public Affairs Officer and as a Flight Officer. Transitioning to the SH-3H in 1986, CAPT Cox reported to NAS Jacksonville, Florida where he served as the Personnel Officer and Quality Assurance Officer. He deployed to the North Atlantic aboard the USS Hayler and also deployed on the USS America.

CAPT Cox was next assigned to the Replacement Air Group Squadron One, in May 1989 as a department head and instructor. He served as Safety Officer and Training Officer. In August of 1990, he was ordered to HS-9 to serve in his department head tour. His assignments included Administration Officer and Operations Officer. He deployed to the Persian Gulf and Mediterranean aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt.

In July of 1992, CAPT Cox transferred to Washington DC. Accepting an assignment to the Department of State, he served as the Aviation Plans and Operations Officer working for the Bureau of International Narcotics Matters, Office of Transnational Issues. CAPT Cox's next assignment was at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island where he served in a student capacity earning his Masters of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies.

He reported to Training Squadron Six as Executive Officer in July 1995 and served as Commanding Officer from July 1996 to July 1997. His next tour assignment was as Airboss onboard USS Nimitz from August 1997 to June 2000.

CAPT Cox joined US Joint Forces Command in July 2000 and worked in the Doctrine Department and as the Director of Facilities. He transferred to Joint Force Headquarters- Homeland Security in February 2001 where he acted as the Operations Officer. In July 2003, he reported to SPAWAR Systems Center, Norfolk as Executive Officer. In February 2007, he began serving as Commanding Officer for SPAWAR Norfolk.

During his career, CAPT Cox has accumulated over 5000 flight hours. His decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (2), the Navy Meritorious Service Medal (2), Navy Commendation Medal (2) ("V"), Air Medal (2) ("V"), Combat Action Ribbon, and various unit and campaign medals and ribbons.